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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

PIERSON, Jr.

: Group Art Unit: 2839

Serial No.: 10/087,983

: Confirm. No: 1526

Filed: March 5, 2002

For: AN ELECTRICAL BOX FOR PROVIDING ELECTRICAL POWER AND
LOW VOLTAGE SIGNALS TO A BUILDING**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47
AND
RESPONSE TO "NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS"**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231**RECEIVED**

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed on March 29, 2002, the undersigned submits the following Petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) on behalf of the Assignee, WorldCom, Inc. The role of WorldCom, Inc. as Assignee is established by other papers filed herewith.

Mr. Forrest L. Pierson, Jr. is named as the sole inventor in the above referenced application and is a former employee of WorldCom, Inc.

Under the direction of WorldCom's legal counsel, a copy of the above referenced Application along with the corresponding Declaration was sent by certified mail to Mr. Pierson, at his home address on or about April 9, 2002. Attachment A is a copy of the cover letter and Declaration included in this correspondence. The cover letter stipulates a response due date of May 1, 2002. The return receipt from this mailing is provided as Attachment B.

On or about May 28, 2002, Mr. Pierson contacted the undersigned by telephone and verbally acknowledged receipt of the subject Application. During this conversation,

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Mr. Pierson also indicated to the undersigned that he would not be able review the Application and execute the Declaration.

The last known address for Forrest L. Pierson, Jr. is as follows:


5927 Buffridge Trail
Dallas, TX 75252

The undersigned believes that the Application should be granted status under 37 CFR 1.47 and be allowed to proceed with or without the cooperation of the Applicant. The undersigned believes that such action is necessary and appropriate to preserve the rights of the Assignee at least and to prevent irreparable loss of intellectual property ownership or other benefits.

A petition fee of \$130.00 and late filing surcharge of \$130.00 is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account 13-2491. A petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is also submitted herewith and the associated fee is likewise authorized to be charged to said Deposit Account. Any other fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 required to avoid abandonment of this Application are also hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account 13-2491.

In view of the fact that sole applicant Forrest L. Pierson, Jr. has received a copy of the Application and Declaration and has declined to sign the Declaration, that the Declaration is an acceptable Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.63, that the appropriate petition fee accompanies this Petition, and that Mr. Pierson's last known address has been provided, the granting of this Petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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Date: July 1, 2002
WorldCom, Inc.
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